

In the Abstract:

Method and apparatus to cause the cessation of hair growth on a specific area of the body. The area is exposed to a particular pattern of multiple wavelength light generated by flashlamps which [are filled with krypton and xenon gas. These flashlamps are connected to separate power supplies to] allow simultaneous, overlap, or consecutive firing. The [method consists of directing the] light is directed by ~~means of~~ a hollow reflective light guide in contact with the skin [to prevent the light from escaping]. Controlling the intensity of light and the delay between pulses allows treatment to be adjusted to different skin and hair types. Skin damage is virtually eliminated by the length and characteristic shape of the individual pulse of light. [in conjunction with consecutive firing of the flashlamps which spreads the energy over a long period of time.]

In the Claims:

3. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said light [wavelength] exiting said hollow light guide has a wavelength [is] greater than 610nm.

6. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said [total electrical supply energy to the] flashlamps are powered by electrical supply energy that is 160-400 joules for every cm² of output.

10. (Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said light spectral output pattern is generated in an output between 610nm and 1,100nm. [1,200nm. and the majority of said output is within the range of 725nm to 925nm and where said light generated is optimal for depth penetration and melanin absorption to eradicate hair follicle causing cessation of hair growth without causing damage to surrounding skin tissue.]

11. (Amended) The [device] method of claim 7, wherein said control source allows simultaneous, overlap and consecutive firing of the said flashlamps.